GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government organizations are not entering into the market for purchase of the agricultural commodities when the prices are less than their supportive prices; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Government organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (Wheat, Paddy & Coarse Cereals), Jute Corporation of India (Jute), Cotton Corporation of India (Cotton), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) (Pulses and Oilseeds) and Tobacco Board (Tobacco), besides other agencies designated by the State Governments for procurement of commodities for which MSP has been announced.

The designated central agencies have been instrumental in undertaking procurement operations during the current season also. The figures of procurement of rice, wheat & coarse cereals are given in the enclosed statement.

Procurement of Agricultural Commodities

	Commodity	Marketing year	Procurement in lakh tonnes
1.	Rice	2003-04	223.05
2.	Wheat	2004-05	167.08
3.	Coarse Cereals	2003-04	6.51